

## MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



40 plus degree weather couldn't stop the Lunar New Year celebrations at Eastwood on Saturday.

### Year of the Rooster

Year of the Rooster celebrations came to a climax on Saturday at the Lunar New Year grand parade in Eastwood.

This year's festivities showcased the very best cultural experiences and were enjoyed by locals and visitors.

Performances ranged from the contemporary to traditional, and there was also fabulous food, dragon and lion dancing, and much, much more.

Council is proud to support this great community event and my congratulations go to Mr Hugh Lee (Chairperson), Anthony Ching (Vice Chairperson), Wilson Fu, Melissa Foong, Jeffery Tse and all the members of the festival committee.

I also want to thank all the performers, volunteers, council staff and festival goers who braved the heat conditions to put on such a great event.

*Kung hei fat choi.* Good fortune and happiness for the coming year.

### Council kicks another goal

Footy fans of all persuasions will be pleased to learn that the laying of the new synthetic turf at ELS Hall Field No. 3 is now complete.

ELS Hall is the first sportsground in Australia to use turf with a new 'cool' cork infill technology that reduces surface temperature by up to 20°C. A big plus in our Aussie summers.

The new synthetic surface will double the usability of the field and future-proof this high-volume sports field for generations to come.

The \$3million upgrade includes a retractable cricket pitch, new fencing, path and seating.

### New specialised recycling station

Around 900kgs of recyclable batteries, globes and cartridges were diverted from landfill last year, thanks to Ryde residents using specialised recycling drop-off bins.

A new specialised recycling station is now located at the Council's Operations Depot, 1 Constitution Road, Ryde (Monday to Friday, 8.30am – 4.30pm). Problem household items such as batteries, fluorescent light globes, ink cartridges and mobile phones you cannot put in your kerbside recycling bins, can now be disposed of safely.



Yours Sincerely,

Clr Bill Pickering (LtCol Retd)

Mayor - City of Ryde

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## BUSINESS EVENTS



Back to BusinessWeek  
A NSW Government Business Connect Initiative

As part of Back to Business Week, City of Ryde is open for business, delivering a free business event and hosting a series of high impact business workshops.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TIME TO WORK ON YOUR BUSINESS NOT JUST IN YOUR BUSINESS?

City of Ryde and Ryde Business Forum invites you to this event to gain up-to-date information, knowledge and digital strategies to help kick start your business in 2017.

### GET CONNECTED TO:

- Making your business more visible
- Cost effective digital strategies to boost new customer enquiries
- Technologies that can transform your business operations.

**When** Tuesday 28 February 2017

**Where** CSIRO (outside Bld 53), Riverside Corporate Park, 11 Julius Ave, North Ryde (free parking)

**Time** 5.30pm registration, 5.45 - 8.00pm

**Cost** FREE (light refreshments available)

**Bookings essential.** Register by Monday 27 February.

**To register and for more information on other business workshops visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/businessesvents](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/businessesvents)**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

### Garage Sales

**Saturday 18 February from 9.00am**

• 3 Robert Street, Ryde

**Sunday 19 February from 9.00am**

• 1098 Victoria Rd, West Ryde

• 1127 Victoria Rd, West Ryde

To list your garage sale for free, go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales)

## EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY

### Arts Activation Ryde February Workshop

Arts Activation Ryde is a City of Ryde community and cultural arts project run in partnership with Artisans Ryde Inc. The February Workshop will be a series of workstations with some activities from last year and new surprises. To book online visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/aar](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/aar) or call 9952 8222.



**When** Wednesday 22 February  
**Time** 10.00am - 1.00pm  
**Where** West Ryde Hall  
**Cost** Free

### The Clean Bin Project - Movie Screening

In this multi-award winning movie, partners Jen and Grant go head to head in a competition to see who can swear off consumerism and produce the least garbage. Their light-hearted competition is set against a darker examination of the problem waste.



**When** Tuesday 28 February  
**Time** 6.30pm - 8.00pm  
**Where** Eden Gardens, 307 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park  
**Cost** Free

### Clean Up Australia Day

Clean Up Australia Day encourages all Australians to take to their local park, beach, bushland or streets and help collect rubbish. For more information and to register visit [www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au)



**Business Clean Up Day:** Tuesday 28 February  
**Schools Clean Up Day:** Friday 3 March  
**Clean Up Australia Day:** Sunday 5 March

## EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

### Authors Platform: Alice Campion

Meet the authors Alice Campion (Alice Campion is the pseudonym for four members of a Sydney book club). *The Shifting Light* a riveting rural novel of family intrigue, love and suspense, from the authors of *The Painted Sky*. To book call 9952 8352 or register online at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/alicecampion](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/alicecampion)



**When** Tuesday 21 February  
**Time** 6.30 - 7.30pm  
**Where** Ryde Library  
**Cost** Gold coin contribution

### Be an Effective Volunteer Workshop

This FREE workshop is for those that are interested in volunteering and will provide information and support for potential volunteers to make informed decisions towards volunteering in their local community. Bookings essential, book online at [www.ryde.gov.au/effectiveteam](http://www.ryde.gov.au/effectiveteam) or call 9952 8222.



**When** Wednesday 22 February  
**Time** 10.00am - 12.00noon  
**Where** Ryde Library

### Curious Kids Club: Travelbugs Mobile Mini-Beasts Workshop

Get up close and personal in a hands-on mini-beast experience not to be forgotten! Bookings essential, call 9952 8352.



**When** Monday 27 February  
**Time** 4.00 - 5.00pm  
**Where** Ryde Library  
**Ages** Children aged 5-12 years  
**Cost** \$8.50



## CINEMA IN THE PARK

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS AT A PARK NEAR YOU

Friday 17 - 25 March 2017 [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/cinema](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/cinema)